



A CASE STUDY IN FAITH

Life Group Study -- Week of May 5, 2019

Memorize.

But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Romans 4:23-25

Open. Have you ever been given the impression that to be a Christian requires the suspension of intellectual reasoning? How was it conveyed? How did you respond?

Study. Read Romans 4:9-25

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions did it raise for you, if any?

In verses 9-12, what overall point is Paul making through his discussion of the sequence of Abraham's justification by faith and his circumcision?

What two words does Paul use to describe the purpose of circumcision? What do they mean?

Does the sequence of Abraham's faith and his circumcision have anything to say about the sequence of faith and baptism today? Why or why not?

In verses 13-15, what can faith do that law never can? Why?

What does Paul mean by his statement in verse 15?

In how many ways would the description of God as the One "who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist" have been personally meaningful to Abraham? What does it mean to you?

Read Genesis 12:1-4; 13:14-17; 15:1-6; 17:1-27.

How do your readings in Genesis cast light on Romans 4:18, "In hope, he believed against hope that he would become the father of many nations..."?

How did you see Abraham growing "strong in his faith as he gave glory to God"?

Read Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19. What additional insights about Abraham's growth in faith do you find here?

What kind of faith does God count to us as righteousness?

Connect the dots. How does the message of Romans 4:9-12 connect with the message of verses 23-25? What does it mean for you personally?

Remember to pray for, and share Christ with your

